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STATE TREASURER ANGELIDES APPLAUDS ASSEMBLY PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO EXPAND COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY, REFORM STATE'S MISMANAGED REAL ESTATE BUREAUCRACY

SACRAMENTO, CA – California State Treasurer Phil Angelides today applauded the State Assembly's passage of AB 2578, authored by Assembly Majority Leader Dario Frommer (D-Los Angeles) and sponsored by the Treasurer, which could generate up to \$2 billion in new revenues over the next decade to help more California students prepare for and attend college. The measure would transform the State's mismanaged real estate assets into a \$5 billion-plus California Hope Endowment. Under the bill, underutilized State-owned property would be managed like a business - with financial returns directed to expand higher education opportunities for California students.

"I applaud the members of the State Assembly who voted in support of this important measure which represents an opportunity for real government reform and a commitment to investing in our young people's future.

"To compete in the 21st Century economy, California needs the best-trained teachers, engineers, scientists and business people. At the very time when our state needs to invest in the future of our young people, the California Hope Endowment could provide up to \$2 billion over the next decade to help open the college door wider to more students.

"AB 2578 would also reshape an outdated and inefficient state bureaucracy, putting the state's mismanaged real estate holdings to work as assets that earn returns on taxpayer dollars.

"Last October, Governor Schwarzenegger rejected meaningful reform when he vetoed this important measure. Again, I call on the Governor to make good on his promise to support real government reform and to expand educational opportunities for our State's young people by signing AB 2578 once it has passed the Senate."

The legislation passed on an Assembly floor vote of 48 to 32. It will now go to the Senate.

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